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AMENDMENTS

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Fig. 1B-10B shows a Yb-fiber laser which consists of a fiber mode-locked laser, a fiber pulse stretcher, a fiber amplifier and a fiber pulse compressor. Although this system is compact and has repetition rates on the order of MHz, the limitation of fiber resistance to intense light makes it difficult for the system to output power in excess of mJ per pulse which is a minimum requirement for industrial use.

This amendment corrects an obvious typographical error, as the related text clearly is describing Fig. 10B, and Fig. 1B does not exist.